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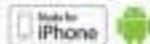
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Katherine Dzbik, sales assistant at Sew Dandee, shows off the 204 T-shirts available at the store on Osborne.

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Hold on tight to your digits

Number crunch.

Manitobans will have to get used to dialing 10 numbers when making a call



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Listen up, Manitobans: It's going to take a few more fingertips to reach out to someone.

The Telecommunications Alliance on Tuesday launched a campaign to get Manitobans, and especially Winnipeggers, used to dialing the 204 area code before phone numbers ahead of the July 29 switchover.

"We find most people are often quite surprised when it comes to new area codes," said

Area code

"Most people won't notice it for two or three years, unless you know someone with a new cellphone."

Glen Pilley, Canadian Numbering Administrator, on Manitoba's new 431 area code

Glenn Pilley, spokesperson for the Canadian Numbering Administrator, from Ottawa.

"The goal of our communications efforts is to ensure that Manitobans clearly understand the steps that need to be taken ahead of time."

The July 29 switchover will make way for the new 431 area code, which is slated to begin in November. "Most people won't notice it for two or three years,

unless you know someone with a new cellphone," Pilley said, adding it is imperative businesses reprogram their communications equipment.

But will Manitobans cling to their 204 numbers? Pilley said in Toronto, those with the original 416 did become a bit snobbish. But as more younger people got cellphones with the 647 code, it became hip.

"I think it's good because it means Manitoba is expanding," said Katherine Dzbik, sales assistant at Sew Dandee, "but it's going to be a big change because we haven't had to (dial the area code) before."

Sew Dandee sells locally made T-shirts with the 204 area code branded on bison for those who wish to show off their Manitoba roots, which may soon mean sporting the 431.

Ballet's cover girl off stage

Metro's quick Q&A session with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's soloist Ashley Green

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On the web

Site raising money for shooter

An attorney for George Zimmerman confirmed the authenticity of a new website that allows supporters to raise money for the neighbourhood-watch volunteer who has admitted to fatally shooting an unarmed black teen in Florida. Go to [metronews.ca](#) for the video and full story.

Real or fake?

A video of an adorable golden retriever rescued from a pool by its mother has made its way to the top of many bloggers' watch lists — not necessarily for the cute antics, but because of skepticism about the video's authenticity. Watch at [metronews.ca](#)

Mobile news



One of the best-kept secrets in TV has been revealed: The Simpsons creator Matt Groening has come clean on his inspiration for the animated hometown of Homer and family. Scan the code for the story.

Transcona water park makes splash at city hall

Funds to retrofit an aging Transcona pool into an outdoor water park are starting to flow in after a Winnipeg City Hall committee approved start-up money for the idea Tuesday.

The city's property and development committee voted to go ahead with a plan to use \$800,000 from the sale of city-owned property within the Transcona ward to start work on the first phase of construction at the Transcona Kinsmen Centennial Pool — a large splash pad.

"This (money) will allow us to build a big chunk of the splash pad ... and then hopefully we'll be able to secure funds in the near future for the rest of it," said committee member and Transcona ward Coun. Russ Wyatt after the vote.

Wyatt said the entire project is expected to cost around \$5 million and will see a new outdoor pool, a new wading pool with a beach entry and a "large waterslide" built at the pool over the next three years.

As well as the new outdoor features, the facility's indoor pool, originally opened in 1961, will be renovated and improvements are also planned for the pool's change rooms.

Wyatt said he expects the remaining \$4.2 million needed for the work to come through a combination of fundraising, private funding, the city and, he hopes, the province.

Wyatt said the pool will remain publicly run once work is complete.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Remote community

RCMP investigate homicide

The death of a 29-year-old man in a northern community is being investigated as a homicide.

Gillam RCMP responded at 5 a.m. on Sunday to a report of an unresponsive male in Ilford, located 175 km northeast of Thompson.

The York Landing resident was taken to a nursing station where he was pronounced dead.

ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO

Court

Man pleads guilty to manslaughter

A Winnipeg man accused of pushing his girlfriend from the 11th floor of a downtown apartment building has pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Mario Trunzo entered the plea just before he was to go on trial for second-degree murder.

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high speed.

After somehow crossing through the strip-mall parking lot, the Jeep reportedly crashed through the front window of the salon, injuring Wiebe and another woman inside.

The other woman was taken to hospital in stable condition and the driver was not injured. Drugs and alcohol are not being considered factors in the crash at this time.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Fatality. Hair salon crash victim dies

The woman left in critical condition following a strange car crash at a Crestview-area strip mall over the weekend has died, say city police.

Local media report the woman, Kendall Wiebe, 27, had been working at the Ultracuts hair salon in the 3300 block of Portage Avenue around 5:30 p.m. Saturday when a Jeep driving north near Rouge Road and Portage Avenue lost control and crossed Portage at a

Construction. Granny suite decision on hold

Don't let granny into her suite just yet.

Winnipeg's property and development committee decided Tuesday to wait a month before voting on a recommendation to stop requiring homeowners to go through a public-hearing process when creating a secondary suite for family members or tenants within a home.

The changes would not apply to suites in detached buildings such as garages, garden sheds or pool houses,

which would still require a public-hearing process.

Property and development chair Coun. Jeff Browaty said he supports the plan because it will help relieve Winnipeg's housing shortage and he hopes to see the idea on the council floor by May.

"We need to provide housing alternatives," he explained after the meeting. "Granny suites (are) one of the ways to provide proper legal units."

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Q&A with the ballet

Interview. Soloist Ashley Green's favourite ballet, fuel foods and best part of living in the 'Peg

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Royal Winnipeg Ballet soloist Ashley Green is fluttering across the season brochure as this year's cover girl. Metro Winnipeg asked her a few questions about her career as a dancer.

Obvious question: What's your favourite ballet to dance to? In most recent years, I would say Swan Lake.

What would you be if you weren't a dancer? I do like to knit and my mom is a knitter. In that aspect I think maybe fashion design.

What is your favourite part about living in Winnipeg?

The arts scene. I love downtown, Osborne and the Exchange area. We have really cute areas of the city that I really enjoy.

What do you eat before a night on stage? I usually like



Ashley Green in a dress made by Winnipeg designer Andréanne Dandeneau. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

to keep it a little bit lighter because it is pretty awful dancing on a full stomach. Usually good protein, good carbs and a vegetable in there.

Winnipeg Métis designer Andréanne Dandeneau made your dress for the cover shoot. How does it feel to be a cover girl with an exclusive outfit?

It's pretty amazing to have been part of this entire process of creating and designing.

Show dates

Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet is into another new season, this year focusing on romance. All four performances are built around fairytale love, including a Canadian premiere.

- **The Princess and the Goblin** (Canadian premiere).

Oct. 11-21, 2012.

- **The Nutcracker**. Dec. 20-30, 2012.
- **The Sleeping Beauty**. March 6-10, 2013.
- **Moulin Rouge**. May 1-5, 2013

Crime

Teens charged in North End stabbing spree

Two youths are in custody following a spree of robberies and stabbings in the North End Monday morning.

Police and emergency services responded to three stabbings — one in the 400 block of Boyd Avenue, another in the 200 block of Powers Street and yet another near the intersection

of Redwood Avenue — just before 9 a.m.

Three male victims, one aged 14 and two others 17, had all been assaulted and stabbed in the three separate incidents. Police say in all cases two male suspects robbed them of personal property before the assaults.

The victims were transported to hospital.

Responding officers caught up to the suspects after a brief foot chase and both were taken into custody without incident.

Two male youths from Winnipeg are facing a number of charges.



Police on the scene of a stabbing on Monday.

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Bomb threat**Korean jetliner diverted in B.C. after midair emergency**

A Korean Air flight was diverted to a Canadian Forces base on Vancouver Island on Tuesday night because of an in-flight emergency.

The Canadian Forces said in a news release the Boeing 777 was travelling from Vancouver International Airport. All emergency services at the base were activated.

Vancouver International Airport spokesperson Alisa Gloag said the flight with 149 passengers landed safely at Comox about three hours after it took off.

CBC News reported the jetliner was diverted after a bomb threat was made in a telephone call to the airline's Los Angeles office.

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Woman kidnapped**Sex attacker makes a bid to appeal**

A New Brunswick man found guilty of abducting a woman and sexually assaulting her for almost a month argued

Tuesday that his conviction and sentence should be overturned.

Romeo Cormier, 64, told the provincial Court of Appeal in Fredericton he was not properly represented and the trial judge made errors.

Cormier was sentenced to 18 years in jail last August for abduction and sexual assault.

The woman testified Cormier grabbed her at knife-point outside a Moncton, N.B., shopping mall. She escaped when he left to go to a food bank.

The court reserved its decision on Cormier's application for leave to appeal.

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Good for business**Skilled migrants will get a break: Feds**

Ottawa has announced a new immigration program it says will make it easier for Canadian business to hire the workers most urgently needed — skilled tradespeople.

The new stream for workers in fields such as construction and manufacturing should be set up later this year, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Tuesday in Calgary.

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Mulcair gets a TV makeover: He cares ... just like Jack

The family man.

Olivia Chow and the NDP launch a new ad that rejects any lurch to centre and stresses party continuity



New NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair: Family man. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newly minted NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair is being introduced to Canadians as someone who will fight for ordinary families.

Just like his predecessor, Jack Layton, did.

The emphasis is on continuity, not change, in a new English television ad being launched by the federal NDP.

It features Layton's widow, NDP MP Olivia Chow, assuring viewers, "Jack's vision is in good hands."

During the seven-month leadership contest to choose Layton's successor, Mulcair

was portrayed by his rivals as someone who would lurch to the social democratic party to the centre of the political spectrum, turning it into an imitation of the Liberal party.

Yet the English ad features a series of, well, ordinary Canadians expressing confidence

that Mulcair will champion issues closest to their hearts.

"He'll fight for my family," says a young mother, packing groceries into her car.

"He cares if I make ends meet," a tool-toting tradesman tells the TV viewers.

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Miss Universe**Pageant opens up to trans women**

Transgender women will be allowed to participate in the Miss Universe beauty pageant next year, officials announced Tuesday.

They have already ruled Vancouver's Jenna Talackova, 23, can vie for the crown this year.

She had a sex change four years ago after being born a male.

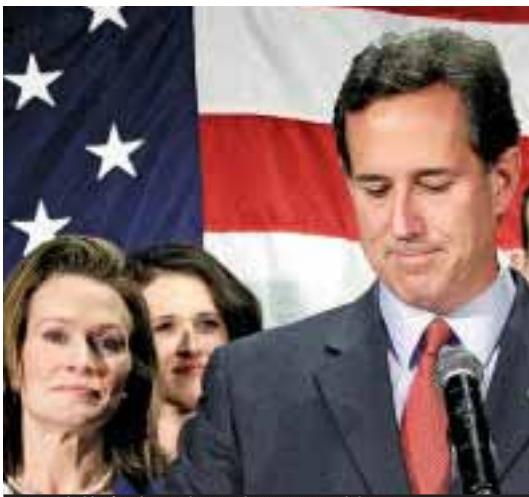
Now pageant officials say they are working on the language of the official rule-policy change.

Initially, organizers in Canada disqualified Talackova from the 61st Miss Universe Canada pageant set for May, citing a rule that she must be "naturally born" a woman.

Talackova told ABC's Good Morning America she has a boyfriend and hopes to have children some day.

She said, without elaborating, "Yes, I want to have two children."

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Surrounded by family members, Rick Santorum withdraws from the race to the White House. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Santorum quits Republican race

Rick Santorum is out.

The staunch social conservative who climbed from the basement of the polls to give Republican front-runner Mitt Romney a run for his money in the party's unpredictable presidential race has ended his campaign.

"While this presidential race is over for me, and we will suspend our campaign effective today, we are not done fighting," Santorum said in Gettysburg, Pa., on Tuesday.

"We are going to continue to fight for the Americans who stood up and gave us that air under our wings."

Santorum, who was fa-

cing a tough battle against Romney in his home state of Pennsylvania in the Republican primary on April 24, launched a tenacious campaign against the Mormon millionaire to become his No. 1 threat in the race.

The former Pennsylvania senator's departure from the race all but assures Romney will get the nomination.

Santorum was the only candidate who stood a chance of preventing Romney from amassing the 1,144 delegates needed to seal the nomination before the Republican convention in August.

Romney praised San-

torum, calling him an "able and worthy competitor" and an "important voice" in the party.

The one-time Massachusetts governor vastly outspent Santorum in several close races in key swing states, dropping money bombs that created no shortage of bad blood between the two campaigns.

Santorum did not endorse Romney as he announced he was leaving the race.

U.S. President Barack Obama's re-election campaign team took the opportunity to malign Romney, saying he was "finally able to

grind down" his rivals.

"But neither he nor his special-interest allies will be able to buy the presidency with their negative attacks," Obama campaign manager Jim Messina said in a statement.

"The more the American people see of Mitt Romney, the less they like him and the less they trust him."

A devout Catholic with a fondness for sweater vests, Santorum said he made his decision to quit the campaign over the weekend after discussing his prospects with his close-knit family.

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Norway killer sane or psychotic?

When Anders Behring Breivik goes on trial next week, both the prosecution and the defence will say he killed 77 people in a bomb-and-shooting massacre that jolted the world's image of terrorism.

The only question now is whether the self-styled anti-Muslim militant was sane when he did it — and after a new psychiatric assessment Tuesday, even that may no longer be in dispute.

"Our conclusion is that he (was) not psychotic at the time of the actions of terrorism and he is not psychotic

now," said Terje Toerrissen, one of the psychiatrists who examined Breivik in prison.

The twin attacks on July 22 — a bomb in Oslo's government district followed by a shooting spree at the governing Labor Party's youth camp outside the capital — brutally shocked Norway and reminded the West of terror threats other than al-Qaida.

The blond, blue-eyed gunman surrendered to police on a lakeside island where the bodies of his many teenage victims lay scattered.

He claimed he was the



Anders Behring Breivik: His trial starts Monday and is expected to last 10 weeks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Islamic terror group's antithesis — a crusader waging a war against Islam in Europe.

Breivik confessed to the attacks but rejected guilt, saying he had acted to protect Norway from being overrun by Muslims by targeting the left-leaning political establishment he claimed had betrayed the country with liberal immigration policies.

Eight people died in the bombing, while 69 people — mostly teenagers — were killed on Utoya. Dozens more were wounded as the gunman opened fire on unsuspecting youths gathered for a summer retreat.

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Bus emergency**Students pass life-or-death test**

Students heading to school rushed into action when their bus driver slumped over the wheel unconscious.

Surveillance video shows Jeremy Wuitschick, 13, grabbing the wheel on Monday morning.

Wuitschick had noticed the driver was shaking and his arms flailing just as the bus started to pull into Surprise Lake Middle School in Milton, Wash.

Wuitschick removed the keys from the ignition and stopped the bus.

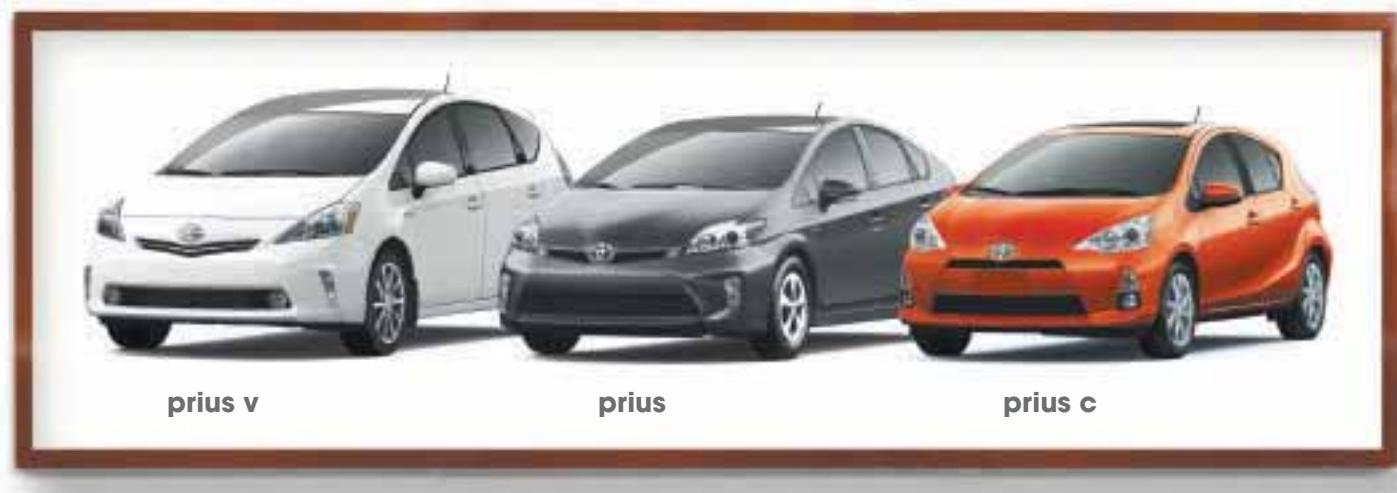
Another student started chest compressions on the driver until adults arrived and he was taken to hospital in "grave" condition.

"I was just thinking, 'I don't want to die,'" Wuitschick said. "I turned to the right. Turned to the side of the road. Took the keys out of the ignition. We started slowing down, and I said, 'Somebody call 911!'"

School official Jeff Short said Tuesday he had no update on the condition of the 43-year-old driver. The man's wife asked authorities not to release any details about him as relatives were being notified, Short said.

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Feeding your taste for space



An astronaut enjoys green tea and almonds — before he is subjected to spirulina and stinky cheese. CONTRIBUTED

What's on the menu in the cosmic diner?

Algae slime and spicy, smelly foods ... but also some normal dishes, freeze-dried

 **ANTHONY JOHNSTON**
Metro World News

When budding space tourists prepare to step aboard their commercial cosmic flight, what can they expect as their in-flight meal?

"Plenty of pungent, spicy and piquant food," says food scientist Robin Fegen, who specializes in preparing space cuisine for food enthusiasts.



Anthony Johnston takes a taste.
ANTHONY JOHNSTON/METRO WORLD NEWS



Out-of-this-world flavours

"We recommend serving a very strong cheese that has a powerful taste, as in space you lose your normal sense of smell.... Other favourites include anything doused with chili and garlic."

Robin Fegen, the Robin Collective

Fegen, 26, is the director of the Robin Collective, a London-based group of entrepreneurs that hosts experimental food banquets for trend-hungry yuppies.

After collaborating with an astronaut and a space-nutrition expert at a recent science fair, some of Fegen's dishes have been "certified" as potential food for cosmic travel, he says.

"Each food tries to overcome eating problems that can crop up in space," says Fegen.

"For example, we recommend serving a very strong cheese that has a powerful taste, as in space you lose your normal sense of smell."

Eighty-five to 90 per cent of taste is controlled by your olfactory organs and at zero-gravity molecules in the air

don't spread out in the same way.

"Other favourites include anything doused with chili and garlic."

As refrigerators use a lot of electrical power, they are a no-no in space. Instead, food is irradiated, dehydrated or freeze-dried for preservation.

"The good thing is that most dishes on Earth can be prepared into 'flight-ready'

meals," NASA food scientist Michele Perchonok tells Metro.

"Unfortunately, having pizza in space is impossible as each component — wheat, sauce and cheese — requires at least partial gravity to prepare."

So, in space, while you sacrifice some foods, you can try new ones.

Spirulina, a green algae that is rich in protein and B vitamins, is touted as a future space crop by the European Space Agency's project MELiSSA, which researches growing food in potential lunar bases on Mars.

But as Fegen describes, "It's what I call an algal slime, that tastes like a dirty fish tank."

Q&A



Michele Perchonok
ANTHONY JOHNSTON/METRO WORLD NEWS

They don't just eat from tubes

A Q&A with NASA food-scientist Michele Perchonok.

When you're up in space, are you stuck with the same food all the time?

Not at all. Right now we prepare over 180 food types; we can feed a crew with three meals a day for eight to 10 days without repeating the same meal twice.

So what type of food do NASA's astronauts eat?

Basically any food can be eaten up there, but they need to be processed so that they're not easily spoiled and can be eaten at zero-gravity. Contrary to what people may think, astronauts don't really eat puréed, condensed foods straight from a tube. The Apollo crew did, but they were only in flight for a few days. When you're up in space on longer missions, you have to have more acceptable meals. There is also a lot of psychology involved in eating there — many astronauts seek "comfort food" like macaroni and cheese that they might not normally eat on Earth.

You pick the foods astronauts get to eat. Do they have a say in it?

In fact, they do — after each mission, a crew member is debriefed and they can suggest what new foods they can eat. After enough requests from crew members, we added vegetarian chili and Caribbean jerk chicken to our menu.

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In Metro Thursday

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- "Life-changing": Businessman Gregory Olsen dishes on being a space tourist.
- Science fiction: Scientists delve into the plausible and implausible of space movies.

Not over the moon for stinky cheese

I paid Robin Fegen a visit to try out his homemade space food.

First on the sampling menu is spirulina, that brownish-greenish algae that's packed with protein and B vitamins.

I got around that nasty "dirty, fish-tank" taste by eating it in a thick goo of chocolate.

The cocoa was overwhelming, while the spiru-

lin gave a bit of a tingle on the tongue.

With gusto, I tried the algae on its own — more tingling, but this messy powder-like algae leaves a stench only a fisherman can love.

Next on the menu was chili "caviar."

No doubt inspired by the Russian space-trekking aristocracy, this dish has all the texture and complexion of

real caviar — only it's made out of some brown algae and is hot 'n' spicy.

Just like caviar, expect that surprise bursting-bubble sensation on your tongue, and then a powerful pow of pepper striking your taste buds. I would still prefer to sneak on some ketchup.

Curiously, I noted that U.S. astronauts have the hots for chili, while Russian

cosmonauts prefer lashings of garlic.

The stronger the flavour, the more likely you'll taste it, say space foodies.

Well, I can't say I agree with that extra-strong Stilton cheese.

If you like eating unwashed socks, tuck in. I'll stick to the spirulina, thank you.

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METRO WORLD NEWS**



Axe falls on CBC programs as cuts begin

Media. World-affairs radio program Dispatches and CBC News Network's Connect with Mark Kelley cancelled

Big budget cuts at the CBC are putting "everything" on the chopping block — including hit shows Republic of Doyle and Heartland, programming boss Kirstine Stewart said Tuesday, as the public broadcaster axed CBC News Network's Connect with Mark Kelley and CBC Radio's Dispatches.

Tough decisions about how to manage a \$225-million shortfall will include shaving six existing or planned shows from the public broadcaster's TV lineup, said Stewart, executive vice-president of CBC's English Services.

"We are making those decisions next week and we've got some pretty strong

criteria to make those decisions," Stewart said after CBC staff were briefed on job and program cuts in an internal meeting.

"But in the end, what we're trying to do is protect the programming that Canadians seem to be most interested in and it will really narrow down the variety of programming that we've been able to give Canadians over the last few years."

Staff learned Tuesday that CBC TV's programming and news departments will bear the brunt of punishing cuts planned over the next three years. They include shuttered news bureaus in Africa and South America as well as the elimination of 88 news jobs.

"It's not a good day for CBC," said Marc-Philippe Laurin, president of the Canadian Media Guild's CBC branch. "Canadians are really going to see a difference on the TV screen and hear a difference on CBC Radio."

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Tech trouble

RIM likely losing money on hardware, says analyst

Research in Motion's hardware division, which makes the company's BlackBerry smartphones and PlayBook tablets, is likely losing money, according to a U.S. research analyst.

Peter Misek, of Jefferies and Co., made the suggestion after crunching the

numbers in a regulatory filing by RIM to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The company doesn't break out the divisional numbers itself.

"RIM has written off inventory the last two quarters, it continues to sell the written-off inventory, and we believe another write-off is likely," wrote Misek in a research note issued Tuesday morning.

Misek rates RIM as underperforming, with a target price of \$12 US per share. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A byte worth \$600 billion
Apple CEO Tim Cook announces the new iPad in San Francisco last month. Apple, already the world's most valuable company, hit the \$600-billion level for the first time Tuesday.
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U.S. wireless providers to disable stolen cellphones

Major U.S. wireless service companies have agreed to disable cellphones after they are reported stolen under a strategy intended to deter the theft and resale of wireless devices.

Announced Tuesday, the system relies on a centralized database that officials hope to be operating within six months. The database will record smartphones' unique identifying numbers. That way, wireless carriers that receive a report of a stolen smartphone will be able to recognize the device and block it from being used again.

Major U.S. cities have been reporting increases in smartphone thefts as criminals steal devices to resell — sometimes overseas — as part of sophisticated operations. Officials say that cellphones are now taken in 38 per cent of all robberies in Washington, and more than 40 per cent of robberies in New York City involve phones.

Cellphone carriers covering roughly 90 per cent of U.S. subscribers are participating in the new system, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Workers win

Aveos employees to share \$6.2M in back pay

Employees of insolvent aircraft maintenance company Aveos Fleet Performance will share \$6.2 million in unpaid wages and payroll contributions, a Quebec judge ruled Tuesday.

Justice Mark Schrager of the Quebec Superior Court approved the payment by April 21 of \$5.8 million in unpaid wages, along with \$450,000 in employer payroll contributions for 2,665 retained and terminated employees.

Each employee will be entitled to a maximum of \$2,000.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Consumer credit

Canadians yet to act on debt despite intentions: Reports

More Canadians acknowledge they may be reaching the upper limits on borrowing but they have yet to act on it, two new reports suggest.

A survey released Tuesday by accounting firm PwC found that 63 per cent of respondents said they wanted to decrease their debt levels over the next year.

But in a separate report based on actual spending patterns, Moneris Solutions found that consumer credit and debit card spending in Canada continued to grow.

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GOOD DAY SON SHINE



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Very bad idea department: James McCartney, son of Paul the Beatle, was caught musing out loud the other day about forming a band composed exclusively of the sons of former Beatles: himself, Sean Lennon (John), Dhani Harrison (George) and Zak Starkey (Ringo).

James, cruelly described by the Telegraph as a "plumper, sadder, balder" version of his famous dad, told the BBC he fantasizes about being better than the Beatles. At 34, he better hurry. In fact, the whole (potential) act is in danger of geezing out before it gets started.

Sean Lennon is 36, Dhani Harrison is 33, and reluctant Beatle 2.0 Zak Starkey is 46. No wonder he's reluctant. At his age you like to be in bed by 10, which is not a rock 'n' roll time zone. Zak is in danger of engendering Beatles 3.0: The Grand-Kids Are All Right.

There are a host of Beatle larvae waiting in the wings if these four don't want to play nice together, but they're equally venerable. Julian Lennon is 49 and plays in a band called AARP (just kidding) and Jason Starkey is a slightly more sprightly 44.

The interesting thing is that all these old guys are musicians. Less interesting, perhaps, is that all together, their records have sold fewer copies than any of the other No. 1 hits generated by their Fab Fathers in their glory days.

Lest we forget, an album called 1, which is a compilation of all 27 of the Beatles' No. 1 hits, released in 2000, is still the biggest-selling album of the 21st century, with 31-million copies sold by the end of 2009. The Beatles are the only group to have the best-selling record in two decades: Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band dominated the '60s and 1 dominated the 2000s.

Into this epic tale wanders the warmed-over DNA of the next generation. So far, without much distinction. The most remarkable thing about their collective genius is a knack for weird band names, such as: thenewno2s, Ghost of a Sabre Tooth Tiger, Musty Jack Sponge and my personal favourite, the Exploding Nudists. Nope. Never heard of any of them either.

One or two of the 2.0 Beatles have enjoyed individual success: Zak Starkey has been a drummer for the Who and Oasis, which can be viewed as the most successful Beatles tribute band to date. Sean and Julian Lennon had their moments, but none of those moments holds a candle to Imagine.

If the boys weren't British, this could be a Greek tragedy in which the sons are crushed by the mythic reputations of their fathers. But it's hard to feel sorry for the heirs of men who sold more than a billion records.

Even if they sing out of tune, they'll get by with a little help from their dads.



James McCartney.
JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES



Sean Lennon. CRAIG BARRITT/GETTY IMAGES



Dhani Harrison.
ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES



Zak Starkey. KATY WINN/GETTY IMAGES

Guest hails from the Ice Age



KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

42,000 years old

Born in the Ice Age, returns with tell-all

The most well-preserved baby mammoth, named Lyuba, is displayed at a press preview in Hong Kong Tuesday.

The one-month-old baby mammoth of the Ice Age died 42,000 years ago and was preserved in the ice. Lyuba was found by a rein-

deer herder in the permafrost of the Yamal Peninsula, Siberia, in 2007.

According to the Daily Mail, she is thought to have died in a mudslide at a month old.

The mud basically "pickled" the mammoth.

"She was doing great, very healthy. She just had this terrible misfortune," palaeontologist Dan Fisher, of the University of Michigan, told the news agency.

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Research

10,000

Siberia-based scientists say they are hopeful that studying the mammoth will help explain what caused mammals from the Ice Age to vanish about 10,000 years ago.

Meets her match

- She will be exhibited in Hong Kong from April 12 to May 10.

- According to MSNBC, another young mammoth, named Yuka, with strawberry-blond hair was revealed to the world last week.



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How dare Brian Burke disrespect Winnipeg by saying the Leafs have the best fans in the NHL. For shame.

@MattMcMurray:

In other news, the Maple Leafs apologised to fans for missing the playoffs for the 7th year in a row. I'm just baffled that they have fans.

In Focus

Some classic Stooge-filled flicks



IN FOCUS

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The Three Stooges — Larry Fine, Curly Howard and brother Moe Howard were the most famous incarnation — “nyuk! nyuk! nyuked!” their way through 220 slapstick movies in a career that spanned the heyday of vaudeville to the 1970s.

This weekend a new trio says “Hello! Hello! Hello!” in The Three Stooges, a Farrelly Brothers directed comedy. But if it’s classic Stoogisms you’re looking for, check out these movies:

The story of Hoi Pollio was so effective the trio recycled it twice more in the films Half-Wits Holiday and Pies and Guys.

Disorder in the Court casts the boys as star witnesses at the murder trial of their friend, a nightclub dancer.

Curly’s favourite film was A Plumbing We Will Go, which featured the guys as plumbers hired to fix a leak in a mansion.



Chris Diamantopoulos, centre, leads the Stooges in the latest version of The Three Stooges franchise. HANDOUT

The lasting effect of physical comedy

The Three Stooges return to the big screen. Chris Diamantopoulos speaks to Metro about his role and the return of slapstick films

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There'll be a lot of eyes on the Farrelly Brothers' The Three Stooges.

Not only has the Friday release been a long time in construction, but the Hall Pass filmmakers insist the movie's a dedicated love letter to the slapstick legends. We caught up to Toronto-born actor Chris Diamantopoulos (TV's 24) to discuss playing the Stooges' senseless skipper, Moe Howard.

More quotes

See what Chris Diamantopoulos had to say on a wide variety of subjects.

- Dressing up for the audition. “When I found out about the audition, there was a memo that said ‘do not arrive in character,’ this is a modern take on the Stooges,” said Diamantopoulos. “I thought that’s stupid, I can’t go in and be Moe looking like me.”
- The potential comic

I know you were a fan but why did you love the Stooges?

It just comes from watching them at such an early age and knowing that my parents loved them. I started watching them when I was five or six years old ... there were about

superstars. “They never really got their just desserts,” said Diamantopoulos. “By today’s standards, especially if back then there was social networking, The Stooges would’ve been mega-superstars.”

- The Look of Moe. “There’s this term — physiognomy — which basically means the way you’re face looks affects how you sound so I had to look that way.”

50 or 60 shorts that I knew off by heart and when my parents would want entertainment, I would just recite the whole episodes for them in the summers in Greece (because) we didn’t have a TV.

Why do you think physical

comedy is so endearing?

There’s something universal and timeless when done right about somebody falling, slipping, randomly being hit or poked if it’s instigated the right way and if the poke or hit is warranted.

It’s just funny — no matter what language you speak and what era, again if it’s instigated the right way — it’s all about set up, pay off and timing.

The original Stooges are often considered guy’s comedy. How is this different?

You’re right in saying that men love the Stooges. Although it’s funny — going to screenings and talking to people who’ve seen the movie, I’ll tell you the pervading message that I’m getting is that it’s the women that are falling in love with this movie...what this movie has that I think will definitely attract women is heart. It’s so very emotional. The message is simple but it’s really, really sweet.

SCENE

Scene in brief

Jolie taking on famous villain role

Angelina Jolie is turning wicked as one of Disney's most famous villains in Maleficent, a live-action twist on Sleeping Beauty that's set for release just under two years from now. Walt Disney Studios announced Monday that Maleficent is due in theatres on March 14, 2014. The film will spell out the back story of the evil enchantress in Disney's animated classic Sleeping Beauty.

On the web



Kathleen Turner says Winnipeg play taught her she wasn't "born to play ingenue"

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Lindsay Lohan being accused of assault ... again



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A woman is accusing Lindsay Lohan of attacking her at a party in the Standard Hotel in West Hollywood recently, but Lohan's rep insists the troubled actress didn't even leave her home the night in question, according to TMZ.

And the website seems to be on Lohan's side, for once.

"We have spoken with six people at the hotel — some of whom were working on the night in question — and none of them saw Lindsay that

evening," the site reports. The woman in question claims she was assaulted by Lohan after chatting up a guy the actress had her eye on.

"Lindsay was absolutely not involved in any sort of altercation whatsoever. This is clearly another case of someone looking for money and 15 minutes of fame," Steve Honig, Lohan's rep, says.

"You have to wonder about someone who calls the media before the police."



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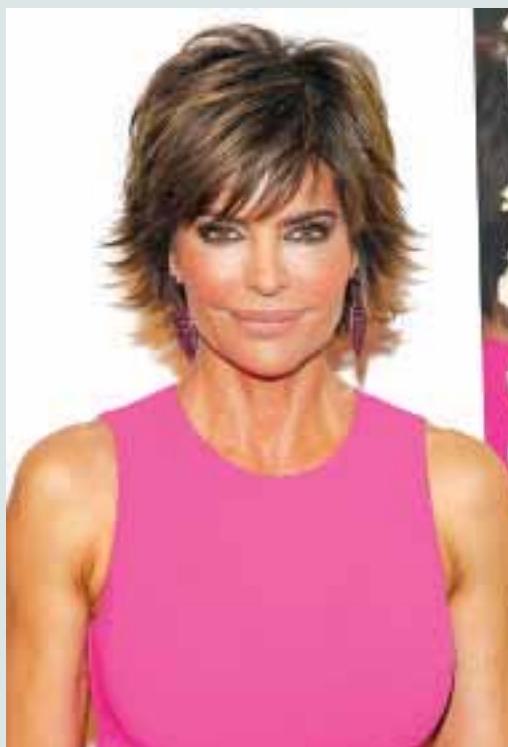


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The Word



Rinna making adult diapers cool



THE WORD

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Maybe you've seen Lisa Rinna star in a new Depend adult diapers commercial.

But in case you haven't, here's the recap: The 48-year-old is filmed wearing a skintight black dress on the red carpet, but, surprise, she's also wearing Depend's new Silhouette for Women line underneath that dress.

"I am wearing an evening gown, for God's sake!" she says in the commercial.

"And you can't tell I have it on. Check out the boo-tay!"

She then commands her poor husband Harry Hamlin to touch her tush to check it out for himself.

Surprising? Yes. Commercials for adult diapers are not the most, say, sexy of things to star in. But Rinna swears she's not talking about incontinence in order to keep herself in lip injections — she did it for charity and women's rights.

"They donated \$225,000 to Dress for Success if I tried them on in the commercial," the actress told the Huffington Post, meaning she must have pocketed a little extra on top of that donation. "That's why I did it. Plus, I loved their campaign."

"I don't endorse many products." (Ed note: True!) The last time she was a celebrity spokeswoman was for the Flex Belt Abdominal Toning Belt; do with that information what you will.)

"When I was first asked, I was surprised," she explains. "I'm not the first person you think of when you think of Depends. ... I believe women should feel good about themselves and if that means they need to talk about their problems, then absolutely."

We need to help each other. I was not afraid to do this."

I believe that too, as should most women.

And it's not wearing an adult diaper that makes me roll my eyes — it's the fact that she used the word boo-tay to describe her butt.

Twitter



@BetteMidler

Jeez! I just bumped into a crowd of people all looking down at their devices!! Look up, people!!



@ralphmacchio

Taking in some broadway today. Vintage musical theatre on the menu.



@MJMckean

Emmy show producers: please please PLEASE let J Lo announce the Downton Abbey nominations.



@SarahKSilverman

Worrying u don't get the respect u deserve is a great way to ensure you'll never get the respect u deserve



Miley Cyrus

Miley Cyrus blames weight loss on allergies

Miley Cyrus is striking back against critics who speculate she has an eating disorder.

"For everyone calling me anorexic, I have a gluten and lactose allergy. It's not about weight — it's about health," Cyrus posted on Twitter. "She won't eat 2,000 calories worth of food in one sitting? She must have a problem.' I ate today at Easter lunch but all of it

was healthy and even more fulfilling! Health is happiness!"

In fact, Cyrus thinks her food allergy has been a great thing — and is encouraging her fans to dump gluten.

"Everyone should try no gluten for a week! The change in your skin, physical and mental health is amazing! You won't go back," she posted.

Wiig won't tip hand to SNL departure



Kristen Wiig is playing coy with the rumors of leaving Saturday Night Live at the end of this season, only confirming that her contract is up this year.

"Well, everyone has to leave," she tells Alec Baldwin on his podcast. "I will say that when I do leave it's not because I'm sick of it and not because I see something better or anything like that. It's just that it's time."

Sunshine and snow — the perfect spring combination

Whistler. Pack your sunscreen and ski gear because the slopes are still open. There's plenty to do for non-skiers, too.

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Skiing or snowboarding in a T-shirt? An après-ski drink on the patio while you work on your tan? BBQ's at 6,000 feet? That's springtime in Whistler. Although the weather is warming, there are still lots of great activities and attractions — not to mention spring prices and rates — to take advantage of!

Spring skiing/snowboarding is the perfect mix of sunshine and snow. The snow is melting elsewhere but high up on the mountains, the conditions are still great for those who can't get enough of the slopes.

This year, the spring ski season extends through April on Whistler Mountain and through May on Blackcomb Mountain.

In June when mountain biking takes over Whistler, the hardcore skiers (or those who appreciate a little novelty) can continue to ski on Blackcomb Glacier.

For those looking for a less physically strenuous activity at Whistler, black bear watching is one option.

Whistler is home to up to 70 black bears who can be seen coming out of hibernation on the grassy slopes of the mountains during mid-to-late spring and throughout summer. Starting mid-May, visitors can take part in a black bear viewing tour from the safety of 4x4 vehicles, where experienced nature guides will lead you to popular bear viewing spots.



Nothing feels better than getting a tan on a ski hill. PHOTOS: AURÉLIE RESCH/METRO

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LIFE

Travel in brief

Tasmanian tourism banking on Dafoe flick

Tasmanian tourism officials are hoping for spinoffs from *The Hunter*, a thriller starring Willen Dafoe being released this month in North American cinemas. The film was shot entirely in the Australian island state. Some of the wild locales are highlighted online at Discover Tasmania (<http://bit.ly/HakKOp>), the state's official tourism website. *The Hunter* follows Dafoe as he pursues the last Tasmanian tiger through scenery that appears "prehistoric and forbidding," according to a New York Times review. The dog-sized beast has, in fact, been officially extinct for many years, but Discover Tasmania says there have continued to be "countless sightings, some by highly regarded scientists," and is inviting visitors to trek wilderness trails in search of a real-life specimen.

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On the Web



Bruce Willis says he's willing to give away Idaho ski area to a non-profit

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Anna Olson makes sweet endings a little bit sweeter



Anna Olson films her new series out of her own kitchen in the Niagara, Ont. area. She often donates extra treats to local shelters and hospices. HANDBOUT

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Anna Olson sums up how she stays in such great shape (despite all the sweets) in one word: balance.

"I love my breakfasts," she says. "I eat oatmeal. It keeps me from snacking on the wrong things throughout the day."

Like decadent cookies and moist cakes? "It's not good to deny yourself a treat, just like it's not good to over indulge," adds the celebrity chef, whose new show, *Bake with Anna Olson*, starts airing Thursday on the Food Network Canada.

The show features baking tips that have taken Olson years to figure out, like using a whisk to fold egg whites into batter rather than a spatula, or double-checking your measuring spoons and cups for accuracy. "You'd be surprised on how many are wrong," she says.

Olson recommends that if you're going to eat sweets, bake them yourself, because homemade baked goods taste better than store-bought and don't have overly processed ingredients.

Top 5 Pie Crust Tips

1 Relax and don't listen to your inner negativity.

2 Don't add too much water and don't let it get too warm.

3 Follow the recipe. If it calls for ice-cold butter, it probably needs ice-cold water too.

4 You don't need fancy tools. Pie pastry can be brought together with two knives.

5 Practice makes perfect.

ents. "Baking at home means you control the ingredients, so you know exactly what's going in," she says. "When you're baking, you bake to share."

Making homemade, she adds, can also allow you to control the portions. For example, make cookies twice as small so you only eat half a portion.

Bake with Anna Olson also airs on Saturdays.

Pie Dough. This crust is ideal with wet fillings like coconut cream



This recipe is designed for pies that have a wet filling, such as pumpkin, coconut cream and butter tarts. Make a half recipe if you just need a single crust.

1. Combine flour, sugar and salt in a bowl. Cut in butter by hand with pastry cutter until only small pieces of butter are visible and mix begins to take on pale yellow colour.

2. Stir water and lemon juice together. Add to dough, mixing until the dough just comes together. Shape dough into two discs, wrap and chill for at least two hours before roll-

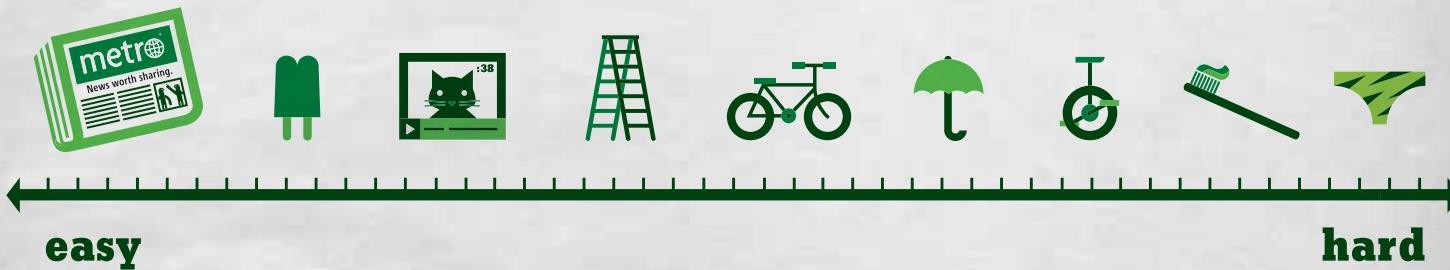
ing. Alternatively, dough can be frozen for up to three months and thawed in the fridge before rolling.

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(FROM EPISODE 2 OF BAKE WITH ANNA OLSON, AIRING APRIL 12)

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups cake & pastry flour
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 6 tbsp cold water
- 1 tbsp lemon juice

Sharability



Top travel tips. Advice for students hoping to learn in another land

• Immerse yourself in the culture: a large part of studying abroad is to experience another culture. You can broaden your perspective by learning the local language, making friends with domestic students and researching the country's history and cultural practices.

• Take rewarding academic courses: take advantage of the interesting courses not offered at your home school. Some courses are also more interesting when they are learned abroad — imagine learning art history in France or taking Italian in Italy! **TRACY ZHANG**



Tracy Zhang and friends in France. SUBMITTED

Worldliness at work

Leverage the experience professionally

- Having an international experience on the résumé can help you stand out in the workforce. Even if it doesn't help you connect with potential employers, at the very least it makes for an interesting discussion in an interview setting. Some of my friends who studied abroad also networked with alumni in the country and landed international job offers.

Books in a backpack.

How studying abroad can benefit you both academically and professionally

TRACY ZHANG

Talenteegg.ca

From watching the sun set over the Acropolis in Athens to watching the Christmas lights light up Champs-Elysée, some of my best memories are from studying abroad.

The strength of its international exchange program was one of the reasons I chose to study at the Queen's University School of Business, and I was determined to make the most out of the opportunity by spending two semesters abroad.

In September of 2010, I set out to study in France at HEC Paris International Business School; by January 2011, I had bid France farewell and headed for England, where I studied at the Bader International Study Centre.



Tracy Zhang and friends in Athens, Greece. SUBMITTED

in the business landscape in Europe that I decided to pursue my undergrad degree specialization in international business.

Outside of the classroom, I was anxious to explore Europe since it was my first time there. I invested in a train pass on a student discount and journeyed all over the continent — to 19 countries to be exact. As a way to document my travels, I also began to publish photographs from my trips on my blog.

When my blog's following edged past 700 subscribers, I began to receive emails from magazines and tourism boards asking to publish my photo-

graphs. Studying and travelling in Europe not only opened the door for me to freelance as a photographer, but also helped me connect with many other travel enthusiasts.

After I returned home from Europe to begin my summer internship, I learned that my manager had just moved to Canada from France. We immediately bonded over my exchange experience in Paris. Having that common ground allowed me to build great rapport with my manager, who provided me with constant professional support throughout the summer.

When I look back on my time in Europe, I feel lucky to have been able to explore another continent, enrich my academic life, and leverage the experience in the workplace. My year abroad benefited me immensely — I can't imagine my university education any other way!

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SPORTS

Jets would trade pick for the right player: GM

Building a winner.

General manager Kevin Cheveldayoff says Winnipeg ownership group will pay the tab for signing a difference maker

Quoted

"Patrick is impulsive and a guy who says what he thinks. When you win, the media are OK, but when you lose, you become a target. And Patrick, as coach, would be more of a media target because of his temperament."

Guy Lafleur on Tuesday. The Montreal Canadiens legend isn't among those who believe former all-star goaltender Patrick Roy should be the team's next coach. The Canadiens recently fired GM Pierre Gauthier as the team limped toward the end of a disastrous season. And they will also probably be looking for a new coach this spring to replace Randy Cunneyworth, whose coaching title carries the "interim" tag.

"I'm not saying he couldn't do it, but I'd see him more as general manager."

Guy Lafleur

On the web

Canada hammered Russia at the women's world hockey championship on Tuesday, but Canadian captain Hayley Wickenheiser wasn't satisfied — particularly with the Russian hockey federation. Scan the code for the story.

Winnipeg Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff isn't ruling out giving up a draft pick for a player who could improve his team, but the price would be high.

"It's got to be something that fits. It's got to be something that helps you in the short and long term. It's got to be something that doesn't forgo you an opportunity to give a young player that's going to have a bright long future a chance to play."

He insisted money isn't the big issue. He said owners Mark Chipman and David Thomson of True North Entertainment and Sports have made that clear.

"When we need to make the moves on the financial side, the money will be there."

But the Jets have said consistently they'll be patient and wait for the group of talented young players they inherited when the Atlanta Thrashers moved north to grow and develop.

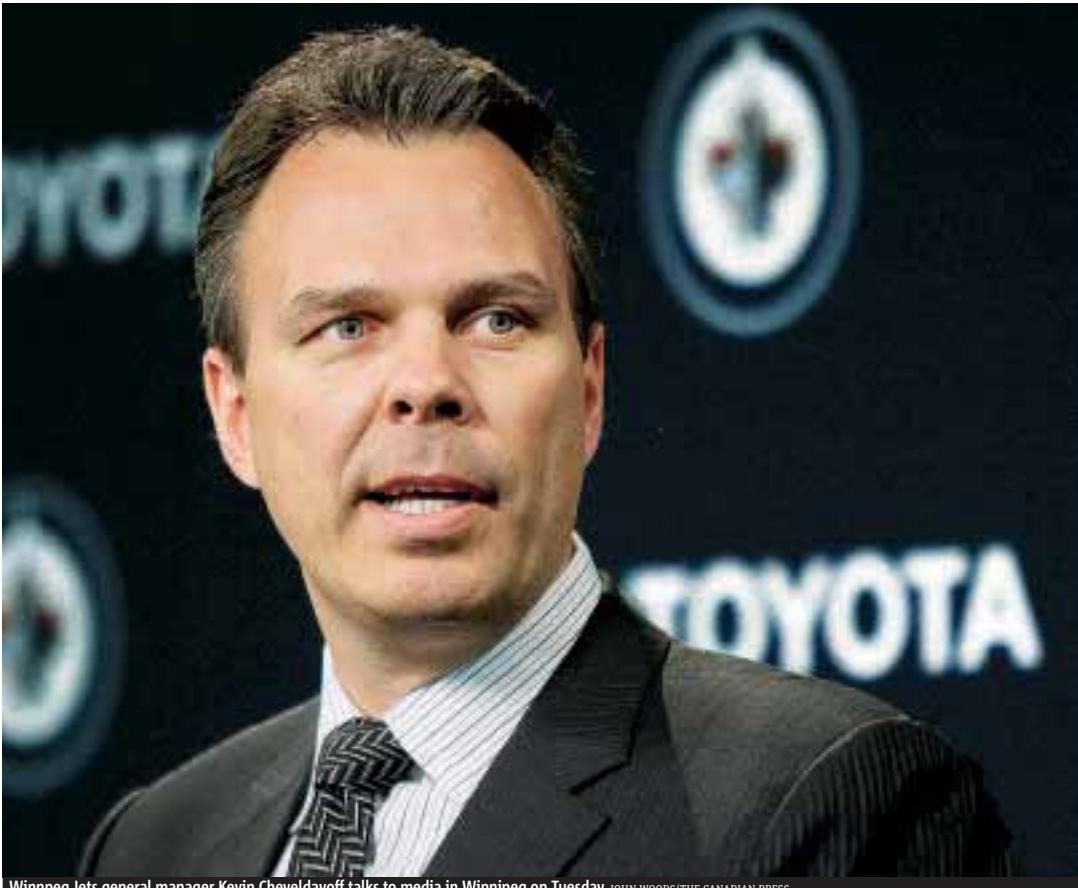
Cheveldayoff shows no signs of changing course.

"This organization is in Year 1 and it's moving forward for many, many years and for a majority of (players) we'd like them to be part of that for years to come," he said.

He also said he saw a lot of growth in those young players during their first season in Winnipeg.

"A majority of them increased in many key areas.... At the end of the day the one key statistic that really matters is the wins and that's something that moving forward we're going to continue to work tirelessly at."

The Jets finished four points higher than the Thrashers man-



Winnipeg Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff talks to media in Winnipeg on Tuesday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calling the shots

"I'm not a guy that's going to make a trade for the sake of making a trade."

Winnipeg Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff, discusses the likelihood of his team trading away its draft pick.

aged last season but still missed the playoffs.

"There's obviously tremendous room for improvement in many areas," agreed the GM.

But even critics of the team had trouble pinning down where that improvement

should take place. For the early part of the season it was lack of offence, but then the puck started to go in and it was defence that needed shoring up.

Cheveldayoff pointed to some of ways in which the team's young players stepped up to the challenge and improved, starting with goaltender Ondrej Pavelec.

"I think we're strong in net," Cheveldayoff said of the 24-year-old Czech, who finished with a .906 save percentage in 68 games.

"He's played the most games he's had at the National (Hockey) League level."

Cheveldayoff says he could

Paying dividends

Besides goaltender Ondrej Pavelec, other younger players impressed fans and observers in Winnipeg this season.

- **Evander Kane.** The 20-year-old scored a career-high 30 goals in his third season, up 19 from last year.

- **Dustin Byfuglien.** A little bit older, the 27-year-old matched last season's points total of 53 in just 66 games, compared with 81 games last season in Atlanta.

use another top-six forward and probably a little help on defence as well.

"Certainly I'd love to get bigger ... be it short term or in the long term."

Cheveldayoff's next focus is heading to the Czech Republic to watch the under-18 world championships and evaluate players.

The Jets already have a potential young star they're letting develop in juniors, Mark Scheifele, playing for the Ontario Hockey League's Barrie Colts under the guidance of coach and former Winnipeg Jet Dale Hawerchuk.

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NHL draft lottery. Edmonton Oilers get top pick for a third straight year

Top 10 draft order

- Edmonton, Columbus, Montreal, N.Y. Islanders, Toronto, Anaheim, Minnesota, Carolina, Winnipeg, Tampa Bay.

The Edmonton Oilers have won the NHL's draft lottery.

Edmonton will get to pick first overall in the league's annual amateur draft for the third year in a row.

Sarnia Sting forward Nail Yakupov is expected to be the top pick.

The Columbus Blue Jack-

ets will pick second, followed by the Montreal Canadiens, New York Islanders and Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Oilers had an 18.8 per cent chance of winning the first overall pick.

The draft will be in Pittsburgh on June 22.

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Nail Yakupov, seen here playing with Team Russia in January at the world junior hockey championships, is expected to be the first-overall pick at the draft in June. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES FILE



Season series: Ottawa went 3-1-0.

Lowdown: The Senators exceeded expectations and believe they're in position to pull off an upset. The Sens had success against a Rangers team that was the class of the East. New York, led by goalie Henrik Lundqvist, boasts a less potent attack than the Sens.

Pick: Rangers in six.



Season series: Washington went 3-1-0.

Lowdown: The Bruins begin their quest for another cup against a Capitals team that could be dangerous with Nicklas Backstrom and Mike Green returning from injuries. Key players Tim Thomas, Zdeno Chara, Patrice Bergeron and the emerging Tyler Seguin remain in Boston.

Pick: Bruins in six.



Season series: Florida went 2-1-1.

Lowdown: The Panthers finished with fewer points but got the higher seed by winning their division. The Devils' Ilya Kovalchuk is the series' best player but has played in just nine playoff games.

Pick: Devils in five.



Season series: Philadelphia went 4-2-0.

Lowdown: It's being billed as the series to watch. The storylines are endless — from Sidney Crosby's playoff return to Jaromir Jagr and Max Talbot returning to Pittsburgh as Flyers, to questions surrounding Philly goalie Ilya Bryzgalov. The only guarantee is one contender will be eliminated.

Pick: Pens in seven.

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Let the Flyers-Pens 'bloodbath' begin

NHL. Crosby, Malkin downplay Flyers' trash talk ahead of Game 1

Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin spent last spring watching their Pittsburgh Penguins teammates try to carry on without them, a burden that became too much during a seven-game loss to upstart Tampa Bay in the opening round.

A year later, the helpless feeling of trudging around in a suit while the franchise they expected to carry on to a

Stanley Cup floundered on the ice below them remains fresh.

The memory of the long ride down the elevator from the press box to the quiet dressing room following a listless 1-0 defeat in Game 7 is why Crosby never considered shutting it down this season despite a 15-month battle with concussion-like symptoms while Malkin became arguably the best player in the world while playing on a

completely rebuilt knee.

It's also why neither player is eager to engage in a war of words with rival Philadelphia in the run-up to Pittsburgh's first-round meeting with the Flyers starting Wednesday.

The opponent is almost immaterial to two players used to writing "playoffs" on their calendar every season in ink, not pencil.

"I think, if anything, you just appreciate being in the playoffs even more," Crosby said. "It's not an automatic thing."

Neither is getting past the first round.

Pittsburgh enters the post-season with the league's best record since Jan. 1 and a roster eager to bookend the Stanley Cup they won in 2009.

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You know, I'm not afraid of anything. I'm afraid of bears — bears in the forest."

Flyers goalie Ilya Bryzgalov on the series vs. the Penguins.

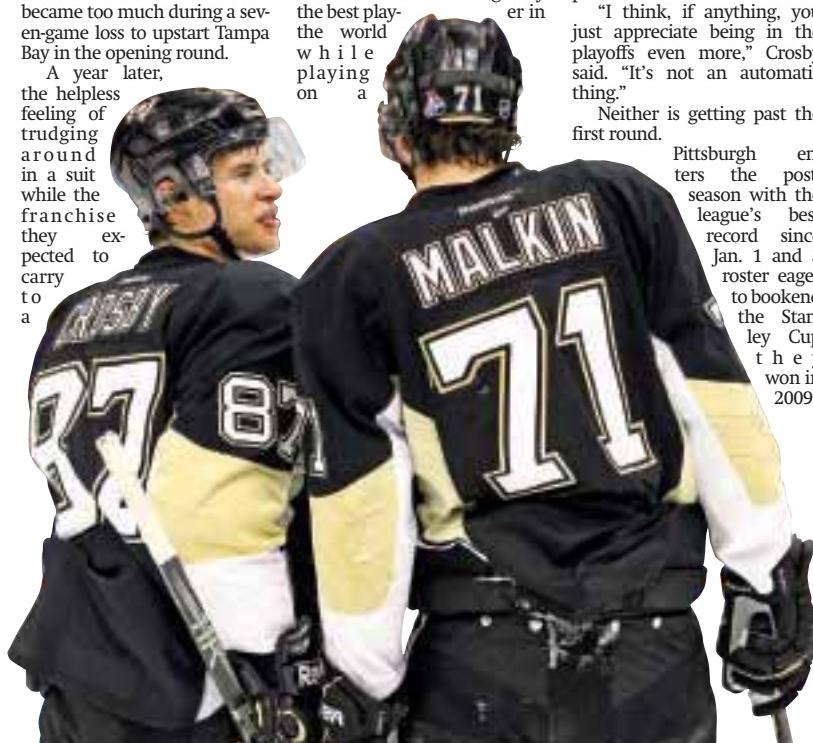
Meanwhile, Philadelphia traded veterans Jeff Carter and Mike Richards following a second-round loss to Boston last year, yet barely missed a beat.

The players change but the mindset in Philadelphia does not. The Flyers are still aggressive, both on the ice and in front of a microphone.

Coach Peter Laviolette didn't hesitate to call Pittsburgh's Dan Bylsma "gutless" for sending out a checking line in the late stages of a 6-4 Philadelphia win on April 1, a move that led to a brawl following Joe Vitale's punishing — if clean — hit on Philadelphia's Danny Briere.

Perhaps, but the Flyers have a way of getting underneath the skin of an opponent. Forward Scott Hartnell embraces the villain role better than any player in the league.

He talked openly about wanting to punch Malkin, Crosby and defenceman Kris Letang in the face if given the opportunity and has predicted the series will turn into a "bloodbath." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Canucks. Sedin's status up in the air ahead of Game 1

The Vancouver Canucks kick off the NHL playoffs Wednesday night against the Los Angeles Kings, but whether Daniel Sedin will be on the ice remains a mystery.

The Canucks star was a no-show at practice but skated

with a few teammates afterward. He had been scheduled to speak to reporters, a session the club promoted on its website beforehand. But he was not made available.

"It's a unique injury, and he will continue the protocol," said coach Alain Vigneault. "When he's ready to play, he'll address you. Until that time, he won't talk to you."

Hopes were raised Monday when Sedin, out with a concussion since March 21, practised with the team for the first time since he was injured. While he didn't speak to the media, his teammate and twin brother Henrik said he was "100 per cent." Daniel Sedin was expected to take part in his second team workout Tuesday.

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Daniel Sedin **GETTY IMAGES/FILE**

Capitals. Third-stringer Holtby expected to start



Washington Capitals goalie Michal Neuvirth is uncertain whether he'll be able to play in the first-round playoff series against the Boston Bruins.

Neuvirth returned to practice Tuesday for the first time since injuring his left leg last week, but wasn't able to stay on the ice. Asked if he thinks he'll play against Boston, he said: "I don't have the answer."

Tomas Vokoun is more pessimistic. He skated before practice on his injured groin and said: "I'm disappointed as anyone that it turned out this way, but I try and I just can't do it. It's a groin, and for a goalie that's essential."

Third-choice Braden Holtby is expected to make his playoff debut in Game 1 in Boston on Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Season series: Vancouver went 2-1-1.

Lowdown: Regular-season champs for a second straight year, Vancouver is looking to get one more win this spring than last. Arguably the only reason LA got into the playoffs is goalie Jonathan Quick, who registered 10 shutouts.

Pick: Canucks in seven.



Season series: St. Louis went 4-0-0.

Lowdown: The jockeying started early with Sharks coach Todd McLellan pronouncing his team the underdog and noting the pressure St. Louis is under. While that's true based on the regular season, San Jose holds an undisputed edge in playoff experience after advancing to the Western Conference final the last two years.

Pick: St. Louis in five.



Season series: Phoenix went 3-1-0.

Lowdown: The Coyotes are trying to win their first playoff series. They have drawn Chicago, with a captain (Jonathan Toews) who has concussion problems and a goalie (Corey Crawford) who is struggling.

Pick: Hawks in five.



Season series: Tied 3-3-0.

Lowdown: This series pits the up-and-comers (Nashville) against the wily veterans (Detroit). Preds GM David Poile believes he's built a cup contender. But Detroit has lost just once in the first round since the lockout and have welcomed back a number of injured players.

Pick: Preds in seven.

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DRIVE

Top Gear

**EFI swap
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The mere mention of switching to fuel injection from carburetion is likely enough to send many old-school car guys into convulsions, but the benefits are so overwhelming — better fuel economy, mid-range power, easy starting, less evaporative emissions, and, oh yes, it's not a carburetor — that a change is hard to ignore. And with systems coming on stream that are easy to install and set up, there's really no time like the present. MSD's new Atomic throttle-body fuel-injection system needs just eight wired connections and a single fuel line (just like a carburetor) with no computer programming necessary. It uses your current four-barrel intake manifold and linkage, and you can even use your current air cleaner assembly. There's a fantastic installation/setup video that should take any fear out of the conversion at atomicefi.com.

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For the Canadian market, the JX comes standard with an on-demand all-wheel-drive system that directs 100 per cent of the engine's torque to the front under normal driving conditions, but can split off half to the rear wheels to maximize grip under slippery conditions.

2013 Infiniti JX

- Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive luxury wagon.
- Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (265).
- Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 11.5/8.5.
- Base Price (incl. destination):** \$46,900.

Engine

The heart of the JX is the same familiar 3.5-litre V6 that can be found on a number of Nissan/Infiniti products. For the JX application, it produces 265 horsepower and 248 pound-feet of torque. That's not a lot of thrust for this category, especially when non-luxury seven-passenger brands like the Mazda CX-9 pack more power.

Review. Sitting pretty with seven-passenger utility and a smaller footprint

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It's said that portion control is an essential part of any successful weight-loss program. That appears to be what Infiniti is practising with its scaled-down seven-passenger JX35 wagon.

Nissan's premium division currently markets the eight-passenger QX56 that uses Nissan's Titan truck chassis and 400-horsepower V8. But it demands a \$75,000 entry

fee and possesses a significant appetite for fuel that requires increasingly deeper pockets to satisfy.

It also checks in at a chunky 2,545 kilograms, which makes it a less-than-lithe dance partner on the highway or when negotiating a parking spot.

By contrast, the spanking new JX35 carries up to seven people across three rows of

seats, but due to its passenger-car construction and smaller engine, it weighs about 365 kilograms less than the QX.

It also touts a base price that's about \$30,000 shy of its bigger sibling.

The JX gives Infiniti buyers another option in a category that includes the Acura MDX, Buick Enclave, Volvo XC90 and Lincoln MKT.

They now represent the

luxury-class sweet spot as more buyers defect from the traditional sport utility vehicles to more size and fuel-efficient models.

At \$46,900 including destination charges, the JX35 makes a strong case for consideration in the luxury wagon bracket, where being in shape and packing the right gear gets you noticed every time.

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Chevy Silverado ‘tows like a dream’

Second Gear.

Ten years of trailblazing for the sturdy pickup

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The 1997 to 2007 generation of Chevrolet's Silverado pickup truck offered numerous engine and driveline combinations, including six and eight cylinder power, automatic and manual transmissions and two or four-wheel drive.

Numerous body and box combinations were also available. When shopping used, LS and LT models were even more highly-equipped, though more basic "work" trucks could also be had.

Common Issues

As a bare minimum, a Chevrolet-trained mechanic should check the underside of your potential used truck for signs of excessive rust, dents or holes, leaking differentials, transfer case leaks and oil or coolant leaks from the engine.

Ensure the vehicle's four-wheel drive system (if equipped) can be shifted between its various modes as outlined in the owner's manual. Check the engine oil level and condition, as some owners have reported oil consumption issues. Avoid a model that's low on oil, or with engine oil that looks dirty or burned.



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Engine

 A V6 engine, as well as numerous V8 engines, could be specified for Silverado models. Automatic or manual transmissions and two or four-wheel drive were also available, depending on the model in question.

What Owners Like

 Owners note a roomy cabin, confident passing and towing power, a pleasing ride and a solid, heavy-duty feel. Mileage is often rated highly too — particularly on the 4.8L and 5.3L-powered models. Many owners say their Silverado "tows like a dream."

What Owners Dislike

 A more positive and precise brake-pedal feel, a better standard audio system, and higher-quality interior trim are on the wishlists of many owners.

Verdict

A careful test drive and inspection from a GM-trained mechanic familiar with Silverado's potential issues should be considered mandatory. A healthy last-generation model appears ideal for those after proven performance, comfort and confident towing.

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Expect the beautiful, all-electric Infiniti LE Concept to show up on roads sometime within the next two years. CONTRIBUTED

Electric luxury coming down the wire

Autopilot



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New York is one city that likes its electricity, especially in and around Times Square. It's also a city that prides itself as a purveyor of various luxury items, like \$100 lunches and \$35 per hour parking spots.

So this week's New York International Auto Show isn't a bad venue at all, for the world debut of the Infiniti LE Concept. When it shows up in production form, sometime within the next two years, the Infiniti LE will be the first full-electric vehicle from a major luxury brand.

With a few notable exceptions, production electric

cars have so far been smaller, "hatchback" designs, which also wear their electric-ness on their sleeves. That's what makes this Infiniti concept, purported to be about 80 per cent true to its production-ready form, such an interesting development. Early adopters and green enthusiasts might be willing to take a few hits for the team, but will the luxury consumer?

If it doesn't cut it as a luxury car, it won't matter whether it's powered by electricity, petroleum, or linoleum.

Infiniti is confident it can make electricity work for that luxury buyer. Big range and big speeds require big batteries, which in turn are heavy and need long charging times.

Heavy is not good for handling and performance. Long charging times are not good for A-type personalities with places to go and people



Yes, that is a wireless charging system. CONTRIBUTED

to see. Infiniti says the LE will crack this conundrum with lightweight structures (aluminum panels), super aerodynamics (coefficient of drag of 0.25), high-tech batteries (Lithium-ion), and two charging systems (plug in and wireless).

If all goes according to plan, the LE will be the first production vehicle with a built-in wireless charging system. Wireless charging via "inductive" energy flow has been around for decades. A lot of people have inductive stoves. One energy coil is connected to an energy source. It creates a magnetic field that excites electrical current in a second coil. In the LE's case, a coil is located at the rear of the car, and the other coil, the one connected to a power source, could be safely encased on the garage floor.

But inductive systems are usually only 80 per cent as efficient in transferring electricity as the normal, with-a-plug way.

"Less efficiency, yes, but tons of convenience," counters Andy Palmer, a Nissan vice-president with a lot on his plate, including global operations of Infiniti.

He's got a point. Just roll into your garage, and if you've bookmarked the parking place in the GPS, the Infiniti is ready to "self park" precisely over the charging spot, with a feature called Intelligent Park Assist. But Palmer is most proud of the concept's sleek bodylines. He

noted it was extremely difficult to achieve those precise, sharp lines in the aluminum body panels. Three times they started again, to make sure this all-electric car was all Infiniti and all luxury.

Of all the automakers, Nissan-Renault has placed the biggest bet on electric vehicles.

The partners have gone on record saying they intend to sell 1.5 million electric vehicles by 2016.

2016 is the year when automakers have to achieve very low emission standards, so low that many wonder how automakers can meet them with the current technology. Nissan-Renault has decided they'll do it by having a lot of zero-emission electric cars in the mix.

If they keep at least some of them as good looking as the LE Concept, it certainly wouldn't hinder that strategy's success.

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The Crown passes on

Auto Know.

A familiar face of law enforcement slowly bows out for newer hardware. But it's not a done deal for Ford's front-wheel-drive replacements.

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It's a lowly full-sized sedan, but everyone — everyone — knows its shape and what it stands for. Especially when it finds your rear-view mirror.

The Ford Crown Victoria cop car.

But all great runs must come to an end, and when the last of the more than 10 million Crown Victorias rolled off the assembly line in September 2011, the end of one automotive era ushered in the beginning of another.

"The cop-car market follows the way the consumer market goes," said Wayne Cunningham, senior editor of CNET Car Tech. "There has just sort of been a sea of change going on in the police-vehicle platforms and the Crown Victoria couldn't hold its place in the market any longer."

The Crown Victoria's fall from grace after 15 years of dominance in the police-force market came as a result of sagging sales, rising fabrication costs and an increased push for more fuel-efficient vehicles. Ford reports that demand levels for the Crown Victoria slipped by 60 per cent in its last decade of production, and the vehicle was available only in fleet sales since the 2008 model year through its discontinuation in 2011.

"The technology was catch-



Just how big an impression has the Crown Victoria made? The Austin Police Department in Texas stockpiled 176 of them before production ceased in 2011. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

ing up to the Crown Vic also," said Lt. Jim Flegel, a Michigan State Police officer with the MSP Precision Driving Unit. "Ford had to keep those vehicles up to date in terms of federal standards, and stuff all that money into the vehicle to keep meeting those standards. It just wasn't feasible anymore so (Ford) decided to go with a different platform that was going to meet all the federal safety standards."

The end of the Crown Vic era (1955-56, 1979-80 and 1983-2011) opened the market for a vehicle void in police departments throughout North America, though some agencies aren't quite ready to dissolve the relationship.

Before production ceased, the Austin Police Department (APD) in Texas stockpiled 176 Crown Victoria patrol cars to help protect and serve for years to come.

Even with the end of the line for the Crown Vic, Ford didn't quietly concede its place as the top manufacturer of police vehicles in North America, unveiling for the 2012 model year its next-gen cop car with the Ford Police Interceptor, which is built from the Taurus platform. But with a deep loyalty to the reliable Crown Vic in many departments, questions remained as to why Ford didn't just tweak the Crown Victoria platform and replace the V8 engine with the fuel-friendly

EcoBoost V6 engine.

Cunningham explained that in the name of cost effectiveness, manufacturers routinely base their police and other specialty fleet vehicles on consumer models. And with demand for the rear-wheel drive Crown Victoria slipping, the best course became a new course from a financial and practicality standpoint.

"It would be inefficient for Ford to keep around the platform just for a niche vehicle that maybe sells a couple of thousand a year," Cunningham said. "The major manufacturers are looking for platforms that are more versatile, modern and fuel-efficient, which will probably look more attractive from

an accounting perspective and a city budget perspective also."

The Ford Police Interceptor breaks some new ground with a front-wheel-drive platform that includes an all-wheel-drive option.

The Michigan State Police Precision Driving Unit is at the forefront of police vehicle evaluation. And of the six four-wheeled police vehicles tested in September of 2011, for the 2012 model year — Chevrolet's Caprice 9C1, Impala 9C1 and Tahoe utility; the Dodge Charger; the Taurus-based Ford Police Interceptor sedan and Explorer-based utility vehicle — only the Ford models use a front-wheel-drive platform.

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Wayne Cunningham, CNET Car Tech

surprisingly a very predictable vehicle," Flegel said of the performance testing results of the Ford models.

"With front-wheel-drive vehicles, you kind of expect them to understeer (continue in a straight line when the steering wheel is turned). We did not get a whole lot of understeer with the new Interceptor."

But Ford didn't pigeonhole itself with a front-wheel-drive only model and added an all-wheel-drive version that comes with a 263-horsepower, 3.5-litre V6, or the turbocharged "EcoBoost" 3.5-litre with 365 horsepower and 350 pound-feet of torque.

"With the police that are used to their trusty Crown Vic, they might be a little suspicious of the new platform because it is a front-wheel-drive platform," Cunningham said. "But the all-wheel drive version within that platform adds to the flexibility, and that may be something that brings the police forces on board with the all-wheel drive."

Flegel suggested that smaller departments or those situated in areas of harsh winter weather, such as Canada, might actually prefer the front-drive model, while larger departments with frequent freeway work and a need for higher speeds may be more likely to choose the all-wheel drive option, or use some of each.

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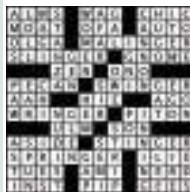
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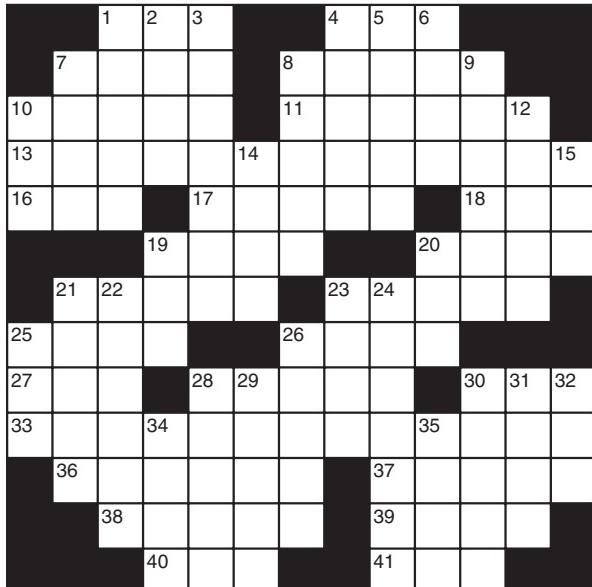
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Just because someone is acting strangely does not mean they are up to no good.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

The only thing you can be sure of is that you can't be sure of anything. If you keep that fact in mind at all times today, you'll do OK.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

If you make a friend or family member a promise today make sure you are in a position to deliver.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

No one expects you to be on top of your game every minute of every day, so why expect it of yourself?

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

People will pat you on the back and tell you what a great job you are doing. What you do today will be brilliant too.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You may find it hard to take someone seriously today but you must take what they tell you seriously.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Something you hear will upset you today. It isn't aimed at you personally, so why be put out by it?

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You possess an unshakable belief in your own abilities. But you don't seem to understand why others have doubts about you.

Make it your business to find out.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec.

21. You may not see how the changes taking place in your world are for the best, but they are.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

It's OK to visualize where you want to be ten years from now but it's what you do each and every day that builds the future.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb.

18. You may be unhappy with a certain situation but it would be unwise to give up on it now.

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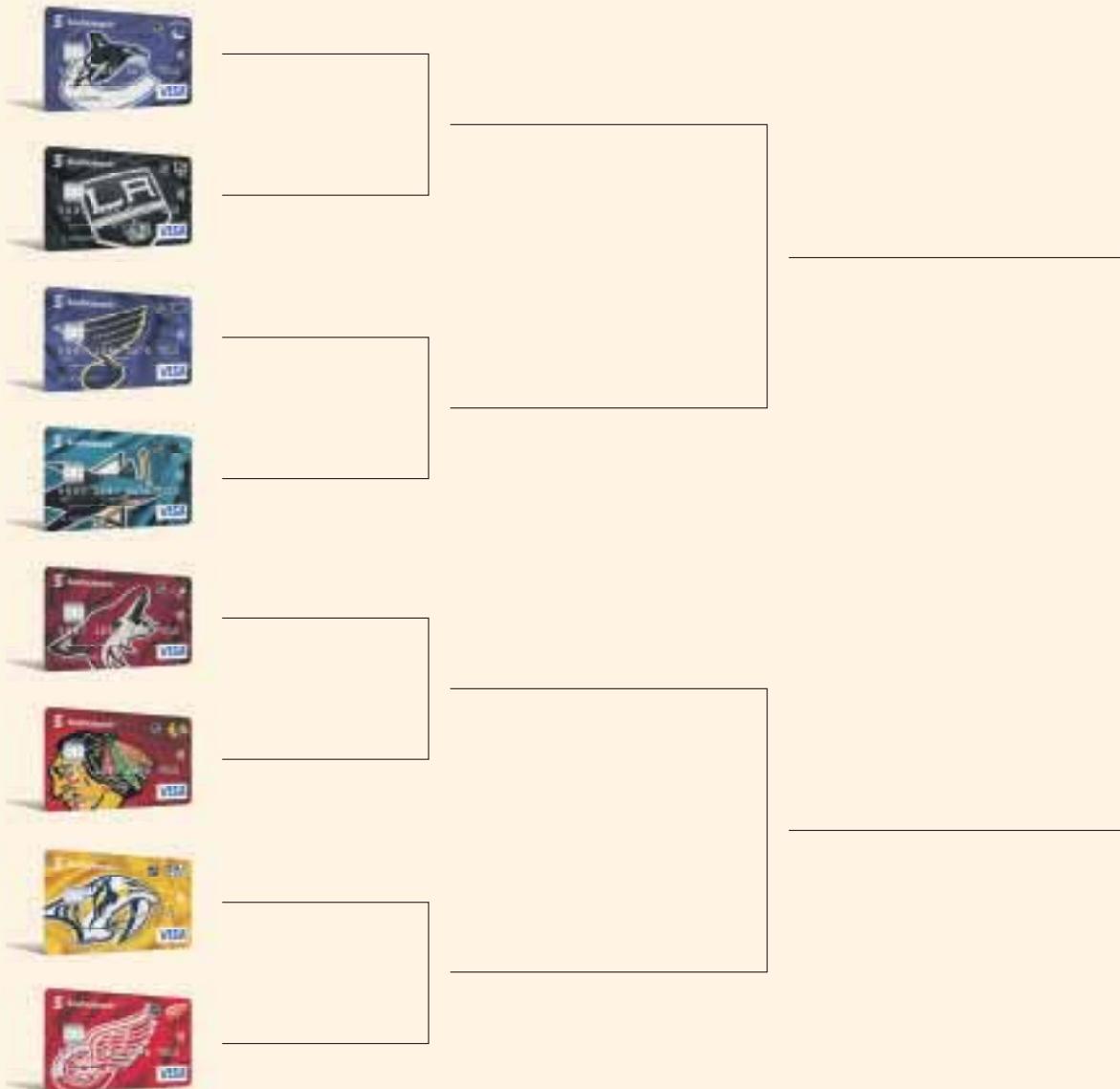
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